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TITLE : METHOD FOR JUDGING INVALID SESSION OF OPTICAL DISK, METHOD FOR  
OBTAINING TRACK INFORMATION THEREON AND OPTICAL DISK APPARATUS

ABSTRACT : PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To prevent data of an erased old session from mistakenly being obtained by accessing a position corresponding to a start time of a lead-in area or a position appropriately set between positions, and judging the side of a disk outer circumference of a next session and thereafter as an invalid session when an HF signal cannot be obtained from the accessed position.

SOLUTION: Start time information on a program area of a next session is read from a lead-in area of a session at the side of a disk inner circumference. A position corresponding to a start time of the program area, a position corresponding to a start time of a lead-in area of the next session specified to be a position a predetermined time before the start time of the program area, or a position appropriately set between the two positions is accessed. Whether or not an HF signal can be obtained from the accessed position is judged. When the HF signal cannot be obtained, the side of an outer circumference of the next session and thereafter is judged to be an invalid session.

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